

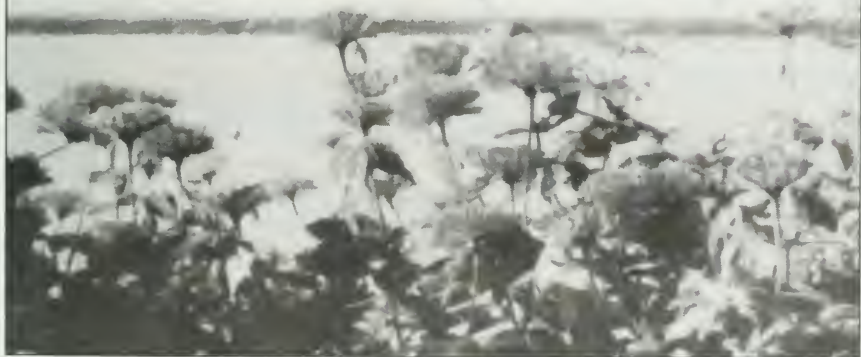


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Founder's Day

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Programme

Welcome to members of the
Selwyn House Community

MR. WILLIAM MITCHELL
HEADMASTER

Presentation of the
Speirs Medal

BY
MR. CRAIG SHANNON '71
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

TO
DR. VICTOR C. GOLDBLOOM '37
&
MRS. SHEILA GOLDBLOOM

Victor C. Goldbloom '37

& Sheila Goldbloom

Speirs Medal Recipients

A milestone in Selwyn House tradition, this is the first year that the coveted Speirs Medal will be awarded jointly to Dr. Goldbloom and his wife Sheila. This husband and wife team share much in common; from their formal education to strong ties to the school and this city.

A native Montrealer, Dr. Goldbloom began his relationship with Selwyn in the third grade and later was awarded the Jeffrey Russel Prize, which ranks second only in prestige to the Lucas Medal. His wife, born in the United States, was first connected to SHS through their sons Michael '69 and Jonathan '72. A former member of its board, Sheila Goldbloom was also guest speaker at the 1993 graduation ceremonies.

Both attended McGill University prior to embarking on what would later develop into two diverse and exceptional careers. Individually their accomplishments and accolades are impressive, combined they number too many to give each its deserved attention.

Before entering public life, Dr. Goldbloom practiced and taught pediatrics for many years. He also became Chairman of Medical Economics successively for the Association of Pediatricians of the Province of Quebec, for the Quebec Medical Association, and for the Canadian Medical Association.

Sheila Goldbloom has held positions as Publications Secretary for the League of Women Voters in New York and as Director of the Young Adult Department at the Montreal Y.W.C.A, but concentrated her efforts over the last four decades working in various positions at McGill University's School of Social Work where she rose to the rank of Associate Professor, a post she held for twenty-eight years.

Mrs. Goldbloom's achievements extend to include publications in *A Fair Shake: Autobiographical essays by McGill women*, and *Rapport du Comité d'étude sectorielle en sciences sociales*. She has also delivered seminars on supervision in social work to the Ville Marie and Jewish Family Services Social Services Centres.

In 1970, Dr. Goldbloom became the first member of the Jewish Community to be named to the cabinet, and in December of that year was appointed Quebec's Minister of the Environment, another first.

Twice chosen by the Government of Canada as a delegate to a United Nations conference, Dr. Goldbloom was also twice elected for a three-year mandate to the Regional Council on Health and Social Services of Metropolitan Montreal.

From January 15, 1990, to June 24, 1991, he was Executive Director of the Fonds de la recherche en santé du Québec (Quebec Health Research Foundation), and was named a member of the Canadian Institute of Academic Medicine. He served for many years on The Canadian Medical Association's Subcommittee on Environmental and Occupational Health, and has chaired a task force for the Canadian Pediatric Society on environmental aspects of day care.

For more than a decade, he chaired the Jewish Public Establishments Coordinating Committee of Allied Jewish Community Services of Montreal, dealing with issues on health care and social services.

In addition, Dr. Goldbloom has received honorary degrees from the University of Toronto, McGill, Concordia, the University of Ottawa, and most recently, Université Sainte-Anne in Nova Scotia where he delivered the Convocation Address.

Despite an active and demanding schedule, Sheila Goldbloom has always found time to give back to the community and has been a member, advisor and chair on a total of twenty-two councils, committees and boards. She has received honours from Centraide, the Canadian Association of Schools of Social Work, B'nai B'rith, and Jewish Family Services/Baron de Hirsch Institute. Mrs. Goldbloom currently chairs the Advisory Committee on Continuing Education and is a board member of Jewish Family Services, the Canadian Educational Standards Institute, and Trafalgar School for Girls.

Dr. Goldbloom's achievements in the public sphere have also been recognized over the years, having been named an Officer of the Order of Canada and, later, an Officer of the Ordre national du Québec. He was also the recipient of the René Cassin Medal of the Alliance Israélite Universelle, the Samuel Bronfman Medal, and the Government of Canada's Award for Race Relations.

In the summer of 1991, he became Canada's fourth Commissioner of Official Languages, a position he still holds today, and in September 1996, Dr. Goldbloom was awarded the James H. Graham Award of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada, for contributions to medicine and society.

The Speirs Medal

The Speirs Medal is presented each year at Founder's Day to the person whom the Board of Directors of the school feels has made a significant contribution to the Selwyn House Community over the years.



Past Speirs Medal Recipients

1995	1988
MR. HUGH H. NORSWORTHY	MR. EDWARD M. BALLON '39
1994	1987
MR. ALEXIS S. TROUBETZKOY	MRS. C.I. MARKLAND
1993	1986
MR. CONRAD F. HARRINGTON '26	MR. WILLIAM HINGSTON DALY '52
1992	1985
MR. TIMOTHY R. CARSELY '52	MR. EDGAR C. MOODEY
1991	1984
COLONEL JOHN G. BOURNE '32	MR. F. GORDON PHILLIPS
1990	1983
MR. ROBERT C. PATERSON	MR. DAVID M. CULVER '39
1989	1982
MRS. PATRICIA MARSH	HONOURABLE G. MILLER HYDE

Captain Algernon Lucas

Captain Lucas was born in England on November 7, 1879. He graduated from Selwyn College, Cambridge, in 1903, after which he came to Canada and taught at a school in Brockville.

In 1908, Captain Lucas started Lucas School with seven pupils in a small flat on Crescent Street. Within two years, the school moved into a house on Mackay Street.

Captain Lucas transferred ownership of the school to Mr. Macaulay in 1912, in order to pursue a career as an insurance broker. In 1914, Captain Lucas went to England and secured a commission in the Life Guards. He was wounded in France and, whilst convalescing in Ireland, was killed by a sniper's bullet in 1916.

Mr. Colin Campbell Macaulay

Mr. Macaulay arrived in Montreal in September, 1911. He was an old friend of Captain Lucas, as they had obtained their degrees from Selwyn College at the same time. Mr. Macaulay taught at Lower Canada College for a year before taking over the Lucas School from Captain Lucas. It was the association of the first two headmasters with their common Alma Mater that led Mr. Macaulay to rename the school, Selwyn House.

Mr. Macaulay retired in 1929. He returned to England where he died in 1958 at the age of 83.

In this its eighty-seventh year, the school has grown to its present size of 535 pupils and now occupies two buildings in Westmount.

In honour of Captain Lucas and Mr. Macaulay, and in celebration of the opening of the new building in 1986, two plaques were unveiled. The Macaulay plaque, donated by the graduates of '86, was designed for the new building, and the Lucas plaque identifies the main building.

Dr. Robert Speirs

Dr. Robert Speirs was Headmaster of Selwyn House School from 1945 to 1971. During this time, the school moved from Redpath Street to its present location. Also, Grades 10 and 11 were added so a student could stay at the school for his complete elementary and secondary education.

Dr. Speirs was a wonderful person who touched all those around him. He impressed upon the students the value and pleasure of warmth in human relations. Dr. Speirs will be remembered as one of the great Headmasters of Selwyn House.

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